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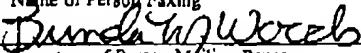
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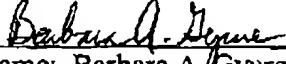
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Enclosed for filing the above-identified patent application, please find the Preliminary Amendment.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-noted application, in which a Request for Continued Examination was filed November 11, 2003, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following remarks. Applicants believe that no fee is due with this filing; however, please charge any necessary fees required in connection with the paper transmitted herewith to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference No.:10939/2012.

Remarks

Claims 1-14 are currently pending in the application.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph

Claims 1-14 were rejected in the Office Action dated February 11, 2003, under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the